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In the Claims:

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4. (currently amended) A card connector comprising:
a card receiving slot for receiving a card; and
a push/push type ejecting mechanism for ejecting the card provided in the vicinity of the
card receiving slot; the ejecting mechanism having a knob; and a stopper member rotatably
mounted on the knob and configured to assume a first position, recessed from the card receiving
slot, when the knob is in a depressed position, and a second position, protruding into the card
receiving slot to prevent insertion of the card, when the knob is in a protruded position
~~A connector as defined in claim 3~~, wherein the stopper member is constantly urged to protrude
into the card receiving slot by a biasing member.
5. (original) A connector as defined in claim 4, wherein the biasing member is a spring.
6. (currently amended) A connector as defined in claim 5, wherein said spring is affixed at
one end to the stopper member and at ~~the~~ another end to a card guide.
7. (currently amended) A connector as defined in ~~claim 1~~ claim 5 wherein, the card receiving
slot is defined by a pair of card guides and, in the first position, the stopper member is aligned
with the knob, against ~~[the]~~ an urging force of ~~[a]~~ the spring by ~~said~~ one of the card guides.

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8. (currently amended) A card connector as defined in ~~claim 2~~ claim 4, wherein
the knob is provided with a slot that extends in [a] ~~the insertion/ejection~~ direction of
insertion/ejection of the card; and
in the first position, the stopper member is positioned within the slot.